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FRANCE.

Report from Paris—Health of the city.

PARIS, FRANCE, November 14, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the health of Paris as shown by the municipal reports remains about as usual, except with typhoid fever and smallpox. The deaths from the former have been steadily decreasing, while the latter disease has been furnishing more than its quota of deaths. Smallpox is nearly always present in Paris, and considering the conditions in some parts of the city and that vaccination is optional, the 2 or 3 deaths weekly that are usually reported do not seem excessive. However, since September the number of smallpox deaths has largely, but not regularly, increased. The last report gave 14 deaths during the week. I saw a cadaver of hemorrhagic smallpox at the Hospital Hotel Dieu last week. The patient had entered the hospital and died before he could be removed.

I am unable to report anything unusual regarding the health of France outside of Paris.

Respectfully,

S. B. GRUBBS,
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U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

GERMANY.

Report from Berlin—Plague news.

BERLIN, November 13, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of the existence of plague and cholera as received at the imperial health office: A steamer arrived at London on October 26 with a case of plague on board. The patient was removed to the harbor hospital, and disinfection and all other precautionary measures taken.

During the week ended October 5 there occurred in the presidency of Bombay 1,587 cases of plague and 1,225 deaths. In the former week there were 1,629 cases and 1,245 deaths. There occurred in the city of Bombay during the week ended October 6, 158 cases of plague and 88 deaths. This is about the average number for the two previous weeks. The total mortality for all diseases during the same week amounted to 1,014, as compared with 787 of last year.

According to a report of September 6, there occurred in Formosa, between the middle of October, 1899, and the end of August of the present year, 1,172 cases of plague and 842 deaths. There were 1,028 cases among the Chinese and 144 among the Japanese. It is believed that many cases of plague occur among the Chinese that are never officially reported to the Japanese authorities. It is believed by the Japanese officials that the plague is identical with a disease that has long existed in Formosa among the natives as rat disease (*Rattenkrankheit*).

There occurred at Tamatave, Madagascar, between September 17 and October 12, 6 cases of plague. There were 5 deaths from the disease.

There occurred at Townsville, Queensland, only 1 case of plague during the week ended September 22.

In Brisbane, Queensland, there occurred during the week ended September 15, 3 new cases of plague and 1 death. There were at the same time 16 cases under treatment.

There occurred at Bombay during the four weeks ended October 21, deaths from cholera as follows: 121, 103, 64, 54, respectively. The disease is still confined largely to the Hindoos.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH B. GREENE,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Clipping from the Berliner Tageblatt, November 13, 1900.

BERLIN, November 13, 1900.

Alexandria, November 11. To-day 2 new cases of plague have been diagnosed.

GIBRALTAR.

Board of health removes restrictions on arrivals from Port Said.—Board of health notice.

GIBRALTAR, November 7, 1900.

With reference to the notice of May 4, last, it has been decided by the board of health to remove the restrictions on arrivals from Port Said in cases of vessels with clean bills of health and health on board.

By order,

JOHN C. KING,
Secretary to the Board of Health.

GUATEMALA.

Reports from Livingston—Fruit port—Close of inspection service.

LIVINGSTON, GUATEMALA, October 30, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit my report for the week ended October 30. The health of Livingston has been good as usual. No deaths reported for the week. October 24, inspected steamship *Managua*; crew, 16; passengers, none; cargo, green fruit. All in good sanitary condition. Destination, Mobile. This closes the quarantine reports from here for this season. The health of Livingston for the season has been good. Never has there been a suspicion of anything resembling yellow fever.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL HARRIS BACKUS,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

LIVINGSTON, GUATEMALA, October 31, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to complete the yearly report of the quarantine work done at Livingston by hereby submitting a report covering the term extending from September 6 to October 31, inclusive. The first report extended from April 1 to July 1; the second to September 15; therefore, this final one completes the season: Number of vessels inspected, 3; no baggage disinfected or inspected during this time; number of vessels disinfected, none; number of passengers inspected, none; number of passengers disinfected, none. The taking off of the